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Dear US DOJ

I would like to record my thoughts on the disasterous lack of courage and intelligence on the part of the government in respect to Microsoft's illegal business practices. As a United States citizen I do not blame the government or the Dept. of Justice in such a difficult case. Blame should be on the guilty party, not the process, and that party in Microsoft, Inc.

There is no need to debate the culpability of Microsoft. It has already been adjudicated. What needs to happen is for Microsoft to feel meaningful sentencing like all who break the law and affect so deeply the lives of many. It should not be difficult for me to live and work a life using computers independent of any one company that I feel lacks ethical business practices. Microsoft is no exception to that and it is the job of the courts and DOJ to allow me that freedom.

Please don't let Microsoft corrupt the free enterprise system that so many have fought for. Do not let the truth become a victim of the perception that this is not important anymore. Do not let the years of work of the DOJ be another victim of Sept. 9th. just because some want to "move on." This is perhaps the most pervasive and important judgement that we may have for the economic future of our technical markets for years to come. Do not let this judgement be a victim of the previous judge's indiscretion.

Microsoft is guilty. Microsoft has shown no remorse or willingness to change its policies. It deserves to be punished to the fullest extent of the law. The freedom of the marketplace and Microsoft's position in it will be just fine.

Thank you,

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